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Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-43415, which was published on February 15, 2000, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is mentioned on pages 3 and 4 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-313170, which was published on November 14, 2000, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is mentioned on pages 3 and 4 of the specification of the present application; and

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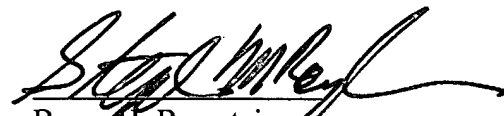
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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	1	English language Abstract of JP 2000-43415.
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